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- ☒ 4. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references 3 and 6-10 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 3 and 6-10 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 3 and 6-10.

- ☒ 7. Reference 3 corresponds to References 4 and 5. Reference 10 corresponds to References 1 and 2.

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Document Number	Publication Date	Brief Explanation or Page(s) & Line(s) of Related Part(s)
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.10-252532	Sep. 22, 1998	This is explained in the specification.
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.10-280990	Oct. 20, 1998	This document discloses that means for increasing a deceleration force supplied to a vehicle when a fuel-cut is inhibited is provided.
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.10-248114	Sep. 14, 1998	This document discloses the premise art in the present invention.
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.11-107825	Apr. 20, 1999	This document discloses the premise art in the present invention.
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.2001-59444	Mar. 6, 2001	This document discloses the premise art in the present invention.
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.9-329060	Dec. 22, 1997	This document discloses the premise art in the present invention.

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